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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry to intervene Sir. There is a certain regularity, a certain propriety to be observed. When Members were appointed at a particular moment and they hold the office or they were told that they would hold the office for a particular period, it is not usual to take occasional votes or a gallup poll now and then and dismiss people for alleged unpopularity on that basis."

9-20 a.m. SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" Since the Hon. Minister says that it is an advisory committee, may I know what is the advice given so far? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Advice was given from time to time. There was a report about Harijan welfare and it contained advice as to the lines on which Government should undertake the work, and it is being implemented."

District Forest Advisory Committees.

* 232 *Q.*—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether District Forest Advisory Committees consisting of officials, non-officials and members of the Legislature of the concerned district are proposed to be formed, and if so, when?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" In view of the fact that much hardship and inconvenience is caused to those living near the forests on account of the restrictions that the Forest department are putting, is it not necessary to constitute these committees immediately in order to receive suggestions from them for removing all these hardships and inconveniences? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is a question of policy and so it has to be done with some care and consideration. Reports from the Chief Conservator and the subordinate Conservators have been called for and as soon as they are received, necessary steps will be taken in the matter."

Headquarters of the Deputy Commissioner for Prohibition, North Division.

* 233 *Q.*—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the name of the Headquarters of the Deputy Commissioner for Prohibition, North Division, and also the names and distance of the nearest place of his jurisdiction from headquarters?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :— Madras is the Headquarters of the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition (Enforcement), Northern Division. Cuddapah

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District is the nearest place in his jurisdiction from the headquarters, viz., Madras. The distance by rail to Cuddapah District border from Madras is 104 miles."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, is it not necessary to locate the headquarters at a suitable and centrally situated place within his jurisdiction in order to save the unnecessary expenditure towards his travelling allowance for journeys between Madras and the nearest place of his jurisdiction, whenever he travels? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The matter has been previously considered twice and the Board of Revenue were asked to report; on these two occasions they reported that owing to want of accommodation in the districts, Madras was considered to be the most suitable place for the time being."

Working of the Shops and Establishments Act.

* 234 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have got complaints from various Labour Unions that the working of the Shops and Establishments Act is not satisfactory and that the workers are not benefited by the same; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to amend the Act so as to enable the workers to get better treatment and benefit from their employers?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes Sir;

" (*b*) Proposals to amend the Act are under the consideration of Government."

Medical van for the Malabar District Board.

* 235 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any request from Malabar District Board for permission to spend Rs. 1,000 a month on a skippo van for medical aid in rural areas and if so, what decision has been taken?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes; the proposal was not approved as the District Board is working at a deficit."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in a speech on the 11th, the Hon. Minister for Public Works observed thus: 'So it was now considered that the best way to administer and carry medical relief to rural areas was to have mobile dispensaries. The question of starting mobile dispensaries in every district was under the consideration of the Government'. Now, what the Malabar District Board has done is naturally in furtherance of the declared policy of this Government. May I request the Government to reconsider the matter and give directions? "